

LISTING OF CLAIMS**Claim 1 (currently amended)**

A painting tool comprising:

a pad having a paint absorbing portion comprising a first side and a second side having an elongated coupling surface

means mounted to the coupling surface having [a] an upwardly projecting portion including a recessed socket therein

a handle portion having a ball at [a first] one end to engage the socket, an elongated intermediate portion, and a threaded gripping surface at the other end; and,

mounting means securing the ball within the socket to permit rotation of the pad through 360 degrees and permitting the pad to be locked in position.

Claim 2 (original)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the pad comprises an integral elongated body and wherein the coupling surface comprises a rigid substantially rectangular main body having parallel side portions, said side portions each having inwardly and upwardly extending portions forming a channel and one of said side portions having a cutaway section.

Claim 3 (original)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 2 wherein:

the means mounted to the coupling surface includes an elongated portion having two sides including sloped parallel edge portions, said edge portions slidably engaging the extending side channel portions of the pad coupling surface and further including

a tab on one of said edge portions engaging the cutaway portion of one side portion to lock the pad to the mounting means.

Claim 4 (currently amended)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the ball at one end of the handle portion comprises a ball integrally mounted to the handle portion.

Claim 5 (original)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the intermediate handle portion includes one end having a portion integrally molded to the ball, a curved portion attached thereto and an outer elongated gripping portion.

Claim 6 (original)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the mounting means comprises an internally threaded nut positioned about the curved portion and engaging the threaded portion extending upwardly with the recessed socket and a washer mounted between the nut and the threaded portion.

Claim 7 (original)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 5 wherein:

the outer elongated gripping portion includes a contoured rubber gripping member mounted over the handle and a threaded recess at the second handle end.

Claim 8 (original)

A paint tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the means mounted to the coupling surface further includes a first raised portion and a second raised portion and guide wheels projecting outwardly from each of said raised portions.

Claim 9 (original)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 4 wherein:

the ball includes a plurality of spaced slots.

Claim 10 (original)

A painting tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the upwardly portion includes a threaded exterior and the mounting means includes internal threads to mesh therewith.